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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL

Research and Training Programme in Food Technology (Supplementary Assistance) (BRA/73/017)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval	October 1978
Starting date of project activities:	April 1974 (Including previous assistance)
Planned completion date:	December 1981
To be executed by:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Government implementing agency:	Secretariat of Science and Technology Centre of the State of Minas Gerais
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$977 500 (UNDP financed: $710 600; Government cost sharing: $266 900)
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. The demand for food products both for the domestic market in Brazil and foreign markets is continuing to grow substantially in terms of volume, quality and variety. The State of Minas Gerais is a major producer of meat, milk, vegetables and fruits. The Food Technology Sector (FTS) of the Science and Technology Centre of Minas Gerais (CETEC) was created to meet the needs of the State, and ultimately, the country, in terms of research and development, and technical assistance and human resources formation for the food industry.

2. In the early years of the project,1/ assistance was given to FTS in the area of meat and milk technology in the establishment and installation of laboratories, training of human resources and elaboration of a research programme. A broad survey

1/ DP/PROJECTS/41 and 1522.

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of the meat and milk industry was carried out. The project also initiated direct work for industry of a technical assistance and quality control character in the meat (five companies) and milk (seven companies) industries as well as in the industrial catering industry. In view of the success attained, it was agreed to extend the assistance to the fruit and vegetables sector while continuing with the assistance to the meat and milk industry.

II. Objectives and activities

3. The supplementary assistance, which will extend the duration of the project for 36 months, will not affect the project objectives which remain to assist the Food Technology Sector of CETEC to develop suitable expertise to serve various industrial activities and to support technical/economic research and then channel it to the milk, meat, vegetables and fruit processing industries so that these can fairly compete with both local and foreign markets.

III. Inputs

4. UNDP, through the Executing Agency, will provide for the services of four experts (in meat, milk, vegetables and fruit processing) and one project manager, as well as short-term consultants in packaging systems, pilot plant operations and new processes application.

5. In addition to the cost-sharing contribution, the Government will provide 2.856 man-months of technical counterpart personnel and 540 man-months of administrative support services, plus a fully equipped pilot plant for food processing.

IV. Financial data

6. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

	Previously approved $	Present approval $	Total approved $
Personnel	460 700	977 500	1 438 200
Equipment	300	-	300
Miscellaneous	4 700	-	4 700
Total	465 700	977 500	1 443 200
Financed by:			
UNDP	465 700	710 600	1 176 300
Government		266 900	266 900

7. In addition to the total amount financed by the Government as shown above ($266,900), the Government will also pay $US33,200 towards related Executing Agency support costs. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of the inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is approximately $4,470,000 in kind.

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